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Subject: Re: EPA mention FW: [IACUC-ADMIN] Sharing...AMPlify Advocacy - May 2, 2018

Jaimie - Thanks for keeping us aware. Wayne

Sent from my iPhone

On May 4, 2018, at 7:00 AM, Graff, Jaimie <Graff.Jaimie@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning;

Just keeping you in the loop. Pertinent Material down toward the bottom, in yellow highlighter.

Also FYI, WCW has a form letter available on the website addressing EPA's use of animals in research. We have received at least 2 of them to date. Text relies heavily on the Roger Stone article in the Daily Caller re: Trump draining the EPA swamp (2nd Daily Caller article).

Cheers;

Jaimie

From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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AMP - Because Research Needs Advocates

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Director's Note

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Biomedical Research Awareness Day (BRAD) 2018 was a resounding success with more than 100 participating locations nationwide including universities, advocacy organizations and biotechnology companies. I personally had the pleasure of attending an outstanding series of events at Tulane University. It is worth noting however, that BRAD is not simply a one-day event. Several organizations still have yet to host their 2018 celebrations. We'll share updates as those events take place and we'll have more on the April BRAD celebrations later in this newsletter.

Many BRAD events give organizations a chance to educate non-research employees about the importance of animal studies. A program that I attended earlier this month targeted a much younger audience. AMP and the [AALAS Foundation](#) joined forces to host a booth at the [US Science and Engineering Festival](#), which took place in Washington, D.C. from April 6th to the 8th. This gave both groups a chance to interface with hundreds, if not thousands of kids.

Speaking of events, another World Week for Animals in Laboratories has come and gone. We will provide a few updates on the annual animal activism week below. WWAIL should remind us all of the importance of increasing communications and transparency about the crucial role that animals play in research. If you haven't done so yet, I encourage you to consider taking part in one or both of [Speaking of Research's](#) new advocacy efforts: An open letter from America's science community and the Speaking of Research Rapid Response Network. The network is being created to alert and activate the science community when assistance is needed in protecting research. More information about those efforts [can be found here](#).

Finally, time is running out for those wishing to apply for the [Michael D. Hayre Fellowship in Public Outreach](#). **The deadline is May 15.** More information can be found below.

Until next time...in support of science, progress and compassion,

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Advocacy Highlights: Texas Biomedical Research Institute, UTHealth San Antonio, University of Wisconsin

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Texas Biomedical Research Institute and UTHealth San Antonio

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As many readers may know, the Texas Biomedical Research Institute was in the news recently after a small number of animals got out of their enclosures and were later returned. The institution put together an [excellent informational web page](#) in order to respond to public questions about the April incident.

Separate from that event, the Texas Biomedical Research Institute and UTHealth San Antonio just released an excellent video that provides an inside view of the primate facility. The video includes interviews with scientists and animal care experts and an inside-view of the institute's BSL-4 lab. It also contains information about several of the facility's research projects aimed at answering major questions related to human and animal health.

We were thrilled that the video's release was tied to Biomedical Research Awareness Day. It is posted on YouTube and can be viewed below."



University of Wisconsin

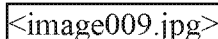


Under the leadership of AMP's Michael D. Hayre Fellow Madilyn Williams, a senior at the [University of Wisconsin-Madison](#), undergraduate students in psychology, neurobiology, and wildlife ecology took part in the Wisconsin Science Festival. They hosted a table and activities about comparative psychology and behavioral neuroscience. The display and exercises showed the similarities across various species in memory and the hippocampus.

Biomedical Research Awareness Day (BRAD) - April 19



As mentioned previously, Biomedical Research Awareness Day 2018 was a resounding success. Here's a brief slideshow containing photos taken at BRAD events across the country:



Additional BRAD photos are posted on the [Biomedical Research Awareness Day Facebook page](#).

A few additional highlights:

Events took place at more than 100 venues including medical schools, veterinary schools and pharmaceutical companies.

This year's audience reached an estimated 10,000 people.

Several generations of participants took part, from school age kids to seniors. This is due to the fact that BRAD is a program built to fit each participating organization's needs.

Some sites hold internal events. Others partner with schools and other outside groups.

Plans are already underway for next year's BRAD celebration, which is hoped to reach more than 20,000 people

In 2019, we also plan to incorporate the participation of veterinary technician schools and students.

Some sites have planned BRAD events later in the year due to schedule conflicts in April. In many ways, it is becoming a year-round event.

Finally, if you were unable to attend the online presentation by [Dr. Irina Burd](#), an associate professor at Johns Hopkins Medicine Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, the program has been posted online and can be viewed here: [A Journey to the Center of the Fetal Brain through Animal Research](#)

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Last call for AMP Fellowship Applicants

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Time is running out for applicants to be considered for the Michael D. Hayre Fellowship in Public Outreach. The fellowship, named in memory of AMP's former Chairman, Michael D. Hayre, DVM, ACLAM, promotes peer education about animal research among students and young professionals in the United States. AMP/Hayre Fellows develop innovative advocacy/outreach programs, to guide others in making an informed decision about this issue and to help secure the future of medicine.

The application deadline is May 15, 2018.

Additional information about the program [can be found at this link.](#)

Email paula@amprogress.org with any additional questions.

Current Trends in Activism

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World Week for Animals in Laboratories came to a close on Sunday. Here's what this year's edition of the annual animal activist event tells us about the state of the movement. **A PETA event in many ways** - For the most part, PETA has become the default leader of nearly all WWAIL events. Many actions were preceded by a press release posted on PETA's web site. Year's ago, Stop Animal Exploitation Now and In Defense of Animals played a larger role.

A major focus on dogs - PETA focused several events on institutions that they claim conduct canine research or collaborate with institutions that do so. Unsurprisingly, Texas A&M was the site of some protest activities last week. Other sites included: the University of Missouri, The University of Nevada-Reno and the University of Pennsylvania. Of course, actions also took place at institutions that perform research using other animal models. Those included Oregon Health & Science University and the University of California, Davis.

Peaceful protests - We have no indication that any significant violent actions took place last week.

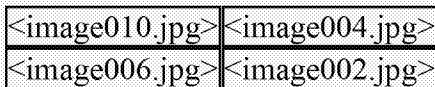
Other noteworthy activist events in recent weeks:

Both PETA and the Humane Society of the United States attempted to capitalize off a baboon release at the Texas Biomedical Research Institute. While all indications suggest animal care staff responded quickly and efficiently to capture the animals that got out of their large outdoor corral, the event did not escape the attention of two of the nation's largest animal rights groups. The two organizations were quoted in a limited number of stories, despite their efforts to generate press.

White Coat Waste Project has shifted much of their resources and messaging to target the Environmental Protection Agency. The group is critical of air safety research taking place in various animals including rats. One reason for the shift might be related to WCW's claim of a major victory in their more than year-long campaign against dog research taking place at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The group had success in embedding language in the recent omnibus spending bill. The language places additional restrictions on dog research at the VA. It is possible that following that claimed victory, the animal rights group believes it is time to move to a new target.

Come See Our World

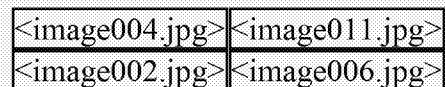
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This month's featured post from Come See Our World is another video clip. It tells the story of Dash, a pig that recently graduated from his research career where he was helping scientists study atopic dermatitis (or eczema.) Currently there are no available treatments for the disorder, which can cause itchy, red, cracked skin.

Early therapy development efforts moved from mice to pigs. This is due to the similarities of pig and human skin. Now that the research project that Dash was taking part in has ended, he will now be retired to live out the rest of his days on a farm.

Come See Our World is a website that provides genuine and accurate images of animals in research settings. We are constantly adding new material. Photos can be submitted right from the site.



Visit Come See Our World for more stories and images like this one.

Have your own animal research information and images to share?
If so, please contact us.

Events Calendar/Advocacy Opportunities

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April 2 - May 31

Homes for Animal Heroes: Run for Research Awareness

A virtual 5K Run for research awareness

More information

May 23

Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research IACUC Training Workshop
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
[More information](#)

May 23

AALAS Webinar: Microbiota of Laboratory Animals: An Emerging Frontier

Location: Online

[More information](#)

Have an event or an outreach activity you want to share?

If you have an event that you want to share with the Americans for Medical Progress community, [send it to us](#) for possible inclusion in a future newsletter.

Our next AMPLify Advocacy is scheduled to come out on June 6.

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